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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER
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BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICARY AND WAYS AND MEANS
ON
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CONFERENCE ROOM 211, STATE CAPITOL

## H.B. 356 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE

Chairs Rhodes and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Wakai and Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on H.B. 356 HD1 SD1. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports H.B. 356 HD1 SD1 (the measure) and offers the following comments.

The measure intends to increase the tort settlement (currently \$10,000) and automobile settlement (currently \$15,000) and payment authority of the Risk Management Office to \$25,000 and removes the requirement that the maximum amounts that may be paid from the state risk management revolving fund be linked to the United States Department of Labor Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for Honolulu. The effective date will be July 1, 2019.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.